J. I. Miller was a visionary leader of American commerce and philanthropy whose ideals and generosity will impact the life of our city, state and nation for generations to come.

Whether in the integrity and inclusiveness which characterized his business life, or in his vision for transforming the landscape of a small town in southern Indiana into an architectural marvel, J. I. Miller saw things not so much as they were, but as they could be.

He was the father of present day Columbus, Indiana, and shall ever be remembered as her most beloved son of the 20th Century. Karen and I join the entire community of Columbus in mourning the passing of this great American.

- Rep. Mike Pence